



# TOWN OF NATICK

## Meeting Minutes

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### Safety Committee

Natick Police Department

Date: November 6th, 2013 Time: 10:00 a.m.

Attendance: Chief Hicks, Dave Gusmini, Tom Hladick, John Slamin, Michael Sullivan, Gordon Van Tassel, Sgt. Thompson, Bob Ward, Acting Chief White

Approval of the September 24, 2013 Safety Committee Minutes

#### **OLD BUSINESS:**

Marion Street Bridge – No update

Citizens Request to address crosswalk lights between Town Hall and Library not working.  
TABLED - Gordon Van Tassel addressed the committee on viable options to alert motorists of pedestrians. Lights currently are underground and are not conducive to the New England weather. Committee Voted to Recommend to Board of Selectmen to replace both locations Town Hall & Library crosswalk and the crosswalk at the Municipal Parking Lot on Pond Street with flashing style light. Gordon Van Tassel, Sgt. Thompson and Lt. Lauzon will work together to solidify a vendor and report back to the committee with a total construction cost. A second motion was made and VOTED to have the existing lights repaired as a short term solution.

Citizens Request to look into either relocating crosswalk on West Central Street in the area of Municipal Lot on Pond Street or a flashing red light be placed to warn of the crosswalk.  
As above Committee VOTED to recommend to the Board of Selectmen to move forward in purchasing a viable replacement. A sub-committee put in place to solidify vendor and to bring back to the committee a total construction cost.

Request Safety Committee look into daytime commuter parking on Winnemay – TABLED  
Committee VOTED to limit parking to one side of Winnemay between Shattuck and Willow. Committee referred to Acting Fire Chief White as to which side of the street is best and most for trucks to maneuver turn. Chief White will go out to location to review layout, hydrant placement and will make a recommendation back to the committee on which side of Winnemay Street between Shattuck and Willow would be best option to limit parking on one side. DPW and Police will continue to monitor.

Citizens Request to install Street Lights on Stacey Street - All LED Lights have been installed in area. Tom Hladick will visit area at night and report back to the committee.

Request by Natick Center Associates to address their concerns of pedestrian safety in crosswalks in downtown Natick. TABLED Pending further action by Town and Private property owners.

Citizens Request to add a left turn lane on Route 30 Eastbound at Mainstone Road.

TABLED pending Town Engineer has an opportunity for sight review - availability of space on roadway to enable a left turn lane.

Resident Request to address committee regarding traffic concern on Farwell Street.

TABLED pending availability of resident.

Citizens Request to address parked vehicles that obstruct of line of vision pulling out on to Pine Street from Dottie's Court. Committee VOTED to TAKE NO ACTION.

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

Citizens Request to Install Slow, Handicap, Autistic Child sign at 10 Waring Road

Committee VOTED to recommend to the BoS to erect sign similar to the sign on Winter Street – Highway Department to use discretion on best sign to use. Signs to be placed on both sides of Waring Road.

Citizens concern for site line safety for vehicles exiting Arrow Path onto Union Street Foliage and underbrush cut back on tree. Tree Warden to look into to see who property belongs to.

Citizens Request for a Stop Sign as well as Dead End sign at corner of Millbrook and Oxbow Road. Committee VOTED to recommend to BoS to erect No Outlet sign on Oxbow Road.

Citizens Request to address Safety Concern crossing students at the Corner of Oak Street and Border Road. Committee VOTED to Take No Action. Existing Crosswalk with proper MUTCD signage.

Citizens Request installation of crosswalk at Hayes Street and South Ave. TABLED pending review by David Gusmini.

Citizens Request to address safety issue with bicyclists exiting Path from Pauline Drive onto Arbor Circle. TABLE pending further review.

Citizens Request to address lack of lighting and condition of sidewalk on Middlesex Avenue. Resident walks to commuter rail daily and does not feel safe at night due to lack of lighting in area. DPW reported that the sidewalk has been repaired, Tom Hladick will review and address lighting.

Safe Steps Grant TABLE pending Selectmen Josh Ostroff to address committee on scope of the Grant.

Citizens Request to install 4 way STOP Sign at intersection of Grove Road Committee VOTED to Take No Action – Stop signs are not effective traffic calming measure

Citizens Request to install speed limit sign on Kendall Lane in the area of Mohegan Trail as well as trim back foliage on existing obstructed School Bus sign. TABLE Tom Hladick will evaluate and Report back to committee.

Resident request to install a crosswalk at intersection of North Main and Lake Street.

TABLE committee to ask Patrick Reffert to report on pending redesign in area.

